

Historical Offender Data Conversion**FY2003 Request: \$600,000**
Reference No: 35772**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Statewide
Election District: Statewide
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2002 - 12/31/2004**Project Type:** Information Systems**Contact:** Dwayne B. Peeples
Contact Phone: (907)465-3339**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Alaska's correctional information is currently stored in the OBSCIS System and paper files and on microfilm. The Agency needs to manually load 4 years (1996-2000) of historical data from paper files and microfilm to the new Offender Tracking Information System. TIC/TAC reviewed and approved.

Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Gen Fund	\$600,000						\$600,000
Total:	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

PROBLEM:

The historical correctional information currently available to the Department of Corrections (DOC) is often inaccurate and incomplete. Accurate historical data is necessary in order to fulfill requests for criminal information, evaluate program effectiveness and estimate recidivism, and calculate forecasts of the future prison population. The Agency needs to manually load 4years (1996-2000) of historical data from paper files and microfilm to the new Management Information System (MIS).

PROPOSAL:

This project is designed to improve the quality of historical correctional information used by DOC and widely disseminated to others. Accurate and complete correctional data is very important as the information may be used to:

- Conduct research. Correctional information is often provided to the university and other researchers.
- Provide specialized data. Information is often requested about groups of special interest including women, native Americans, juveniles, and sex offenders.
- Produce comparable reports. Annual reports are produced by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Criminal Justice Institute, and other groups.
- Enhance cross-jurisdictional research opportunities. Information is often used to investigate issues of interest to correction's policymakers.
- Provide information to legislators. Information may provide the basis for legislation proposed by Alaska State legislators.
- Determine the success of programs. Information regarding inmate movements is important for estimating the success of programs.

Alaska's correctional information is currently stored in the OBSCIS system and paper files and on microfilm. The information stored within OBSCIS is of poor quality. A data audit conducted by an outside contractor determined that approximately 40% of the data fields are incomplete and that 20% of the data present is inaccurate. The State has implemented a new management information system (MIS) in October 2001 that is loaded with accurate and complete information regarding Alaska's current inmates, however the loading of "historical" data to the new MIS will require funding support.

Data processing staff estimate that it will require 5 full-time contractor staff under the supervision of a DOC employee for at least 2 years to load records of individuals who currently are not incarcerated but were admitted under the jurisdiction of DOC during the last 4 years.

The Agency will evaluate whether or not to address the whole cleanup and data conversion of all historical offender data as the process starts. This effort is estimated to cost a total of \$3 million.